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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT OF RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on September 8, 2005, Applicants submit this Response.


Claims 1-103, of which claims 1 and 102 are independent, are pending in the application. The Office action requires election of a single one of the following identified species: Group I drawn to Figure 2; Group 2 drawn to Figure 4; Group 3 drawn to Figure 5; Group 4 drawn to Figure 6; Group 5 drawn to Figure 7; Group 6 drawn to Figure 8; Group 7 drawn to Figures 9A and 9B; Group 8 drawn to Figures 10A and 10B; Group 9 drawn to Figures 11A and 11B; Group 10 drawn to Figure 12; Group 11 drawn to Figures 13A and 13B; and Group 12 drawn to Figures 14A and 14B.

Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I drawn to Figure 2. It appears that at least claims 1-30, 34-52, 70, 72-75, 84-93, and 96-103 are readable on Group I.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of all pending claims, with claims 1-30, 34-52, 70, 72-75, 84-93, and 96-103 proceeding to allowance. Applicants believe that no fees are due with this Response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0503.

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